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SOUTH CHINA AIRFIELD DEVELOPMENT

NING-MING AIRFIELD

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

NEAREST CHINESE AIRFIELD TO NORTH VIETNAM.

2. REMARKS:

NING-MING IS ONE OF A SERIES OF AIRFIELDS RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED IN SOUTH CHINA. TIEN-YANG, PING-YUAN-CHIEH, CHIA-LAI-SHIH, AND AN-SHUN REPRESENT NEW CONSTRUCTION, WHILE HSU-PU AND LI-CHIA-TSUN REPRESENT EXPANSION OF EXISTING FACILITIES.

NING-MING BASED AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN REVEALED
BY COMINT TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN DEFENSIVE BORDER
PATROLS, THE FREQUENCY OF WHICH HAS INCREASED IN
RECENT MONTHS. OTHER RECENTLY EXPANDED AIR DEFENSE
ACTIVITY, ALTHOUGH NOT SPECIFICALLY CONNECTED WITH
NING-MING, INCLUDES A CLOSER WORKING RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR DEFENSE
SYSTEMS, A COMMON GCI GRID REPORTING SYSTEM, AND
THE EXCHANGE OF WEATHER INFORMATION BETWEEN THE TWO
NATIONS.

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3.	LOCATION:	3.6 NM ESE OF NING-MING AT 2207N 10707E.	APPROXI-	
		MATELY 12 NM FROM THE CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM	I BORDER	
		AT THE CLOSEST POINT.		
4.	FIRST IDENTIFICATION:		25 X 1	
5.	NEGATION DATE:	6 KH, 1 TROJAN HORSE, AND 4 BLUE S	SPR 25%3	
		MISSIONS.		
7.	CHRONOLOGY:	REVEALEI	FOR THE	
	FIRST TIME AN AREA BEING	GRADED AND LEVELED APPROXIMATELY 9,000 X	1,000 FT	
	IN SIZE, ORIENTED IN A I	NE/SW DIRECTION. FIVE CONSTRUCTION CAMPS I	VITH AP-	
	PROXIMATELY 150 TEMPORARY STORAGE-TYPE BUILDINGS WERE OBSERVED ALONG WITH			
	A LARGE AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE REVEALED			
	ENLARGED SUPPORT FACILITIES, DRAINAGE DITCHES, AND A PROBABLE RAIL SPUR			
	4.2 NM TO THE NNW.			
		REVEALED A 7,210 X 155 FT,ENE/WS	и, 25 ХО RETE	
	RUNWAY, WITH 1,375 FT O	VERRUNS AT EACH END, IN THE FINAL STAGE OF	CONSTRUCTION	
	ASSOCIATED FACILITIES I	DENTIFIED AT THIS TIME INCLUDED A PARALLEL	TAXIWAY WITH	
	2 END-CONNECTING AND 2	CROSSOVER LINKS, 2 ALERT APRONS, 2 PARKING	APRONS, 2	
	HARDSTANDS, SEVERAL REV	ETMENTS, AND A RAIL-SERVED POL STORAGE ARE	A 4 NM NORTH	
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OF THE RUNWAY CENTER. ALSO OBSERVED WERE DISPERSAL AREAS UNDER (CONSTRUCTION
NE AND NW OF THE RUNWAY, AND A SUPPORT AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF	THE RUNWAY
CONTAINING 8 BARRACKS, 3 MESSHALLS AND 24 SUPPORT BUILDINGS. A S	SECOND SUPPORT
AREA IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE RUNWAY WAS REVEALED TO CONTAIN 8 B.	ARRACKS, 1
ADMINISTRATION, 4 MESSHALL, AND APPROXIMATELY 190 SUPPORT BUILDIN	NGS.
THE RUNWAY WAS REPORTED TO BE SERVICEABLE BY	25X1
ALTHOUGH NO AIRCRAFT WERE OBSERVED AT THAT TIME. FLIGHT I	nfor ząc ion
PASSED FROM NAN-NING TO NING-MING ON THE SAME DATES AS	a fi 25%(1 from
KUANG-CHOU/FO-SHAN TOWARD NING-MING, SUGGESTS THE INITIAL DEPLOY	MENT OF AIR-
CRAFT TO NING-MING ON THAT DATE.	
REVEALED THE FIRS	T PHOTOGRAPHI
EVIDENCE OF AIRCRAFT AT NING-MING. APPROXIMATELY 27 FIGHTER AIR	CRAFT WERE
OBSERVED. NO TYPE IDENTIFICATION WAS MADE.	
NING-MING WAS REPORTED TO BE IN THE TERMINAL STAGES OF CONS	TRUCTION
BY 33 FAGOT/FRESCO AIRCRAFT WERE	OBS ASXA D.
THIS MISSION ALSO REVEALED A NEWLY IDENTIFIED SAM SITE (All-2) J	UST SOUTH
OF THE ENE END OF THE RUNWAY. WORK CONTINUED ON THE PARKING REV	TETMENTS,
AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL AREAS, AND THE POL STORAGE AREA. A POL STORA	AGE AND PUMP-
ING FACILITY JUST NORTH OF THE RUNWAY CENTER WAS OBSERVED UNDER	CONSTRUCTION
AT THAT TIME.	
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SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE BY 25X1
ALL REVEALED AIRCRAFT WHICH VARIED IN STANKING
BER BETWEEN 19 AND 35. NO TYPE IDENTIFICATION WAS MADE.
VEALED THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES FOR THE FIRST TIME: 4 EARTH-COVERED HANG-
ARETTES NORTH OF THE WSW END OF THE RUNWAY, A LARGE PROBABLE MAINTENANCE
AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND LOCATED WITHIN THE DISPERSAL AREA NORTH OF THE
ENE END OF THE RUNWAY. A PROBABLE AIR WARNING RADAR FACILITY 3.6 NM NNE
OF THE AIRFIELD, ILS EQUIPMENT ON EACH END OF THE RUNWAY, AND A CGA UNIT
NEAR THE WSW END OF THE RUNWAY. NO MISSILES OR SIGNS OF ACTIVITY WERE NOTED
AT THE SAM SITE AND IT WAS REPORTED TO BE IN A POSSIBLY DETERIORATING CON-
DITION.
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revealed 36 small possible swept-w25% 1air.
CRAFT, AND REPORTED CONSTRUCTION CONTINUING ON REVETMENTS, AS WELL AS ON TH
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MAINTENANCE AND POL AREAS. A NEWLY IDENTIFIED SMALL HANGAR HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN THE AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL AREA NORTH OF THE WSW END OF THE RUN-WAY.

AIRCRAFT OBSERVED ON INCLUDED 25X1

20 FRESCO, 2 MAX/MOOSE, AND 2 PROBABLE CREEK. A SINGLE FARMER AIRCRAFT WAS

NOTED IN PROXIMITY TO NING-MING IN REACTION TO THE DRONE AIRCRAFT. THIS

MISSION ALSO REVEALED THAT THE MISSILE LAUNCH REVETMENTS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIP
MENT AT THE SAM SITE WERE NO LONGER IN EVIDENCE. A PROBABLE TOKEN GCI/EW

RADAR SITE WAS IDENTIFIED 4.7 NM NE OF NING-MING, AND ANOTHER HANGAR WAS RE
VEALED TO BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION NORTH OF THE ENE END OF THE RUNWAY.

ON 8 MAY OF THIS YEAR AT LEAST 4 CHINESE JET FIGHTERS ENTERED NORTH VIET-NAM AIR SPACE AND ENGAGED A FLIGHT OF "HOSTILE" AIRCRAFT. TWO OF THESE WERE IDENTIFIED AS FRESCO AIRCRAFT FROM NING-MING.

TIEN-YANG AIRFIELD

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED AIRFIELD IN PROXIMITY TO THE DRV.

2. REMARKS:

TIEN-YANG IS ONE OF SEVERAL NEW AIRFIELDS RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED IN SOUTH CHINA. THE MISSION WHICH THE CHINESE HAVE IN STORE FOR THIS FACILITY IS UNKNOWN.

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		THEY HAVE RECENTLY INCREASED THE FREQUENCY OF AIR	
		DEFENSE PATROLS ALONG THE CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM	
		BORDER WITHIN AN AREA FROM 40 NM SW OF MENG-TZU	
		TO A POINT 100 NM WEST OF NAN-NING. A 50 NM GAP	
		EXISTS ALONG THIS PERIMETER, HOWEVER, AND IT IS	
		NOTED THAT TIEN-YANG LIES IN THE VICINITY OF THIS	
		GAP.	
3.	LOCATION:	THREE NM EAST OF TIEN-YANG AT 2344N 10658E.	
		APPROXIMATELY 52 NM FROM THE CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM	
		BORDER.	
4.	FIRST IDENTIFICATION:		25X1
5.	NEGATION DATE:		25X1
6.	COVERAGE:	FIVE KH AND ONE	25 X 1
7.	CHRONOLOGY:	REVEALED INITIAL EVI-	25X1
	DENCE OF A SCARRED AREA	APPROXIMATELY 9,000 FT LONG, ORIENTED NW/SE, AND	
	HAVING THE APPEARANCE OF	F AN AIRFIELD IN AN EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION.	
	SEVERAL GROUPS OF BUILD	INGS (TEMPORARY WORKERS HOUSING AND STORAGE AREAS)	
	WERE ALSO OBSERVED.		
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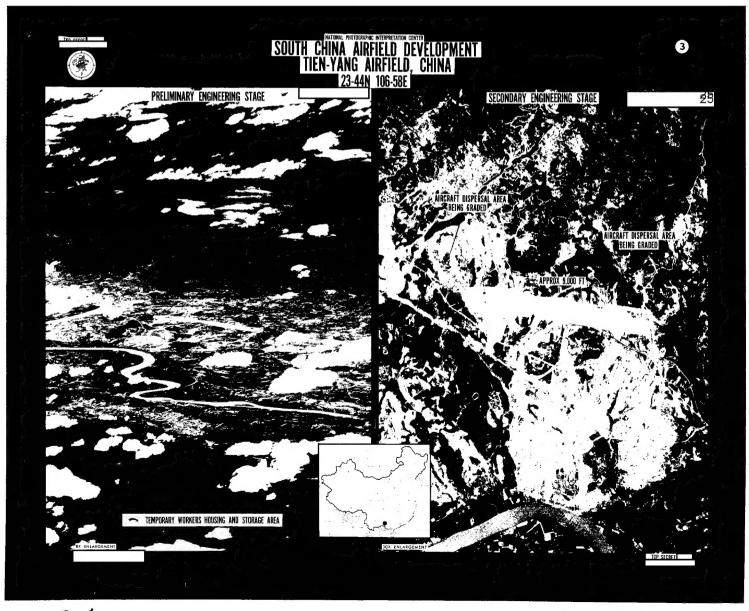
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REPORTED AN AIRFIELD AND AIRCRAFT DIS-	25X1
PERSAL AREAS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. A BYPASS ROAD WAS BEIN	'G
CONSTRUCTED AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES WERE BEING EXPANDED.	
REVEALED THE INITIAL STAGE OF RUNWAY	25 X 1
SURFACING, AND A PARALLEL TAXIWAY, 3 PARKING APRONS AND 7 AIRCRAFT REVET-	
MENTS, ALL UNDER CONSTRUCTION. CURING HUTS AND AGGREGATE SUPPLY PILES	
WERE ALSO IN EVIDENCE ON THE RUNWAY.	
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, REVEALED A CONCRETE RUNWAY SURFACE WHICH APPEARED TO BE COMPLETE.	25X1
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REVEALED A 7,300 X 160 FT NW/SE RUNWAY	.1
IN A SERVICEABLE CONDITION, WITH 1,340 FT GRADED EARTH OVERRUNS AT EACH END.	
A PARALLEL TAXIWAY, 2 END-CONNECTING LINKS, 2 CROSSOVER LINKS, AND 3 PARK-	
ING APRONS WERE ALSO REPORTED. AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL AREAS CONSISTING OF 28	
REVETTED HARDSTANDS LOCATED NORTH OF THE NW END AND EAST OF THE SE END OF	
THE RUNWAY WERE IN THE TERMINAL STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION.	
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REVEALED A PROBABLE AIR WARNING 25X	1
RADAR SITE AND A MAINTENANCE AREA BOTH UNDERGOING CONSTRUCTION. NO	
AIRCRAFT WERE OBSERVED, ALTHOUGH DISPERSAL AREAS AND FINAL RUNWAY SURFACING	
APPEARED COMPLETE.	
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